UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan

DATE 10/28/63

1 - Mr. Wannall
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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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SUBJECT: JOHN THOMAS MASEN, aka
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Army Intelligence, San Antonio, Texas, on 10/24/63 advised that subject, Dallas, Texas, sporting goods store operator, had asked Captain George Charles Nonte, Fort Hood, Texas, an acquaintance, if he knew anyone who might be interested in buying information concerning large-scale military operations in Caribbean. Subsequent meeting between subject and Nonte was arranged for evening of 10/24/63. In view of possible espionage activity, San Antonio Office was telephonically instructed to closely follow and develop full details.

On 10/25/63 Nonte, who is cooperating, advised he met subject as scheduled. Subject briefly mentioned to Nonte that data pertaining to military operation in Caribbean was obtained from weapons buyer from University of Miami named Martinez, who had recently been through Dallas seeking arms. Subject implied Martinez had previously been involved in attack on Cuba reportedly carried out by Alpha 66, anti-Castro organization. Subject did not know date operation would take place, but indicated it would be directed against Cuba by large rebel forces allegedly staging at unknown Caribbean bases. Subject asked Nonte if he knew anyone who would pay for such information implying considerable money could be made on stock market by person having such data. Nonte plans to recontact subject on 10/31/63 in effort to obtain additional data.

Nonte characterized subject as opportunist who would avail himself of any opportunity to make money. We have no pertinent information concerning subject in our files.

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Dallas is conducting discreet inquiry concerning subject and Miami Office is endeavoring to identify Martinez. Details of foregoing information are being submitted in letterhead memorandum ~~which will be~~ disseminated to interested agencies upon receipt. This matter is being closely followed.

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emorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
e: JOHN THOMAS MASEN, aka

BSERVATIONS:

Foregoing information appears to pertain to plan of anti-Castro exiles to attack Cuba from Caribbean area. Since crackdown by U. S. authorities on such raids from U. S., reports have been received indicating exiles are using Caribbean area for attacks on Cuba. With reference to indication a large-scale attack being planned, consideration was given to possibility this might be Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operation; however, CIA on 9/28/63 in discussing anti-Castro activities in Nicaragua, advised that it was not organizing any Cuban invasion forces.

ACTION:

For information.

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